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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Classification of Maps in the Indochina Map Folio

The classification of maps in the Indochina Map Folio is based primarily on existing Agency and Department of Defense regulations governing the control of intelligence information. In each case, however, we have gone back to the originator to confirm both the classification and the reason therefore. Specific comments on the classification of each map follow.

1. Map Number 2 - Indochina Area

The transportation data appearing on this map is derived from the same sources as that on the Transportation map, following.

2. Map Number 3 - Transportation

The selection of potential amphibious landing areas is a military evaluation which, by DoD regulation, must be classified **CONFIDENTIAL**. Information on the roads and trails is derived, in part, from aerial photography. NPIC advises

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3. Map Number 4 - Airfields

The liaison officer for the Aeronautical Chart and Information Center checked with her home office, which maintains that the airfield information must remain **SECRET**. The airfield runway lengths and surface conditions are shown for both friendly and unfriendly fields. Some of the airfields

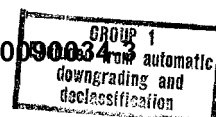
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4. Map Number 5 - Telecommunications

OSR informs us that the information on which the map is based comes from literally hundreds of classified reports which now would be infeasible to check out in detail. These reports

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originated in many agencies, including DIA, DCA, NSA, and CIA [REDACTED] In one specific case, NSA approved the downgrading of a codeword report to SECRET.

5. Map Number 12 - Industry, Mining, and Electric Power

The location of industrial sites and mining installations possibly could be downgraded, although the element of selection might weigh against this. The location and alignment of the electric power grid, however, was obtained from aerial photography which EPIC maintains must be on a SECRET level.

(Signed)
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